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For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF FORMING SEALS IN FUEL CELLS  
AND FUEL CELL STACKS  
Filed: January 23, 2004  
Inventor: FRANK, David et al.**

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